

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will serve to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A method of forming a plurality of apertures in a concavely curved domed portion of a vent disc, said plurality of apertures each having a centerline, the method comprising:

forming said plurality of apertures with each of said centerlines of said plurality of apertures being coincident to a radius that forms a concave curvature of said domed portion,

forming ~~a portion of~~ each of said plurality of apertures as with a slit, each slit having a width of about 0.040 to about 0.080 inches,

~~wherein said plurality of apertures have at least two different diameters through said domed portion,~~

wherein said plurality of slits ~~apertures~~ are resealable, and

wherein said domed portion is elastomeric.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~41~~⁴⁴, further comprising forming each of said depressions ~~a portion of each of said plurality of apertures~~ with a hemispherical shape.

16. (currently amended) A method of forming a plurality of perforations in a concavely curved domed portion of a vent disc, which comprises:

forming a plurality of upwardly extending depressions in an undersurface of said domed portion while leaving a residual of said domed portion above said plurality of depressions, said plurality of depressions each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said plurality of depressions being coincident with a radius that forms a concave curvature of said domed portion; and

forming a plurality of perforations through said residual, said plurality of perforations being resealable and each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said plurality of perforations being formed coincident to a corresponding centerline of one of said plurality of depressions, wherein said

perforations ~~that are formed~~ are slits that have a width of about 0.040 to about 0.080 inches, and wherein said domed portion is elastomeric.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said slit has a width of about 0.058 to about 0.062 inches.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said slit has a width of about 0.060 inch.

21. (withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said ~~forming step~~ of forming said slits is effected by piercing said domed portion of said vent disc with blades that have an elongated cutting edge formed by angular surfaces.

22. (withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein said angular surfaces are disposed at an angle of about 40 degrees.

23. (withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein said ~~forming-step~~ of forming said slits is effected by driving said blades completely through said domed portion of said vent disc.

24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said slits have a width of about 0.058 to about 0.062 inch.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said slits have a width about 0.060 inch.

27. (withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said ~~forming-step~~ of forming said slits is effected by piercing said domed portion of said vent disc with blades that have an elongated cutting edge formed by angular surfaces.

28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said angular surfaces are disposed at an angle of about 40 degrees.

29. (withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claim 27, wherein said ~~forming step~~ of forming said slits is effected by driving said blades completely through said residual of said domed portion of said vent disc.

30 – 40. (cancelled)

41. (Newly presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said forming of said plurality of slits in said vent disc is effected, so that, when said vent disc is seen in top plan view, said plurality of slits are arranged in a sunburst pattern having a series of 12 radial extensions equally circumferentially angularly spaced 30 degrees from each other and each having three or four equally spaced individual slits and underlying depressions.